

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 46 and 55-67 will be pending. Claims 22-31, 39-41, 44, 45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been canceled. The specification has been amended to delete recitation of specific gravity units. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Examiner has stated that claims 46 and 55-67 are allowed. *See*, Office Action at page 19.

Specification

The specification has been objected to due to informalities. *See*, Office Action at page 2. The specification has been amended herein as suggested by the Examiner. This objection should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claim 22 is objected to due to informalities. *See*, Office Action at page 2. Claim 22 has been canceled herein. Thus, this objection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections, 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 22-30, 40-45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. *See*, Office Action at page 3. Claims 22-30, 40-45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been canceled. Thus, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections, 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 22-31, 39-41, 44-45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. *See*, Office Action at page 6. Claims 22-31, 39-41, 44-45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been canceled. Thus, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections, 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)


Claims 22-30, 40-45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Soon-Shiong (USPN 5,560,933) in view of Harris ("Quantitative Chemical Analysis," 4th ed., W. H. Freeman and Co.: 1995, pp 26). *See*, Office Action at pages 7-8. Claims 31 and 39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Soon-Shiong (USPN 5,560,933) in view of Kim (WO 94/26250) and Harris ("Quantitative Chemical Analysis," 4th ed., W. H. Freeman and Co.: 1995, pp 26), and further in view of Russell *et al.*, 1999 Bone Marrow Transplantation, 24: 1177-1183 and Vook (US Publication No. 2003/0129233). Claims 22-30, 31, 39, 40-45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been canceled. Thus, these rejections are moot and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims of the application are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections, and prompt issuance of a notice of allowance. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, or would like to discuss the application, the art, or other pertinent matters, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

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